Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I beg to move that the Bill may be taken up and passed on Wednesday.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Coffee Cess Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I beg to introduce the Cochin Coffee Cess Bill. The statement of objects and reasons attached to the Bill explains itself and the very first sentence thereof may be allowed to be read— "The Government of India have, in consultation with the Governments of Madras, Coorg, Mysore, Travancore and Cochin and in accordance with the desire expressed by a preponderating majority of the Indian coffee growers, resolved that a coffee cess should be introduced with the object of providing funds for the improvement and development of the Indian Coffee industry". Now, it is obvious that in these highly competetive days it is necessary to foster the industry by undertaking research. The planters concerned and the Governments in whose territories the planting interest exists have practically unanimously appealed to the Government of India that some such body as the Coffee Cess Committee should be constituted and a very small cess should be collected for financing that committee and the work of research, etc. The maximum cess that is proposed is only Re. 1 per Cwt; whereas as a matter of fact the cess that is actually collected is 8 annas which works at only 1 p per pound. The industry is practically unanimous that some such committee should be constituted. It is absolutely an uncontroversial matter and it is an urgent matter. The Committee has already started functioning and the matter is urgent. The Bill is an adaptation of the British Indian Bill which was passed by the British Indian Assembly without any controversy. I would submit that this Bill is urgently required and is introduced in the best interests of the Coffee industry. We have a small industry, as the Hon'ble Members are aware — the Nelliampathy Coffee Estates—that requires this help.

Mr. H. J. Walmesely.—I support this Bill and hope all the Hon'ble Members of the House will do likewise. It is an attempt by an agricultural industry to help itself and is therefore well worthy of support.

Before the War half the coffee consumed in Great Britain came from India and this proportion has now fallen to 9 per cent. The fall off is due to the well managed advertising propa-

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ganda by rival producers and not any falling off in quality of coffee produced in India. The Empire Marketing Board at the request of the Government of East Africa gave great prominence to coffee produced in that country and the successful results produced by that propaganda campaign again proves that if producers have a good article to sell, advertising more than pays. It is for this purpose that the coffee planters have taxed themselves to advertise and I think it is the first time that an industry, predominently an industry of small owners, have succeeded in combining to really help themselves. If this is a success, it will be a good augury for the future and it may be hoped that all the agricultural industries in the State such as the arecanut and cocoanut planters may also combine and try to work out their own salvation.

I commend this Bill to the very favourable consideration of the Members of this House.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I do not think there is any necessity for referring this Bill to a Select Committee and I beg to move that the President may be pleased to suspend Standing Order 32 and allow me to move that the Bill be taken up into consideration forthwith.

Mr. President.—Yes.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I beg to move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Clauses 2 to 5 of the Bill were put and carried.

Definitions.

2. In this Regulation, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context—

(1) "Coffee cess" means the Customs duty imposed by section 3 of this Regulation; and

(2) "Committee" means the Indian Coffee Cess Committee constituted by the Government of India under section 4 of the Indian Coffee Cess Act, 1935.

Imposition of Coffee cess.

3. A customs-duty shall be levied on all coffee produced in Cochin and taken by sea or by land to any place beyond the limits of Cochin at the rate of one rupee per hundredweight or at such lower rate as the Government may on the recommendation of the Committee, by notification in the Cochin Government Gazette provide.

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4. The Government may make rules providing, on such conditions as may be specified in the rules, for—

Refund of and exemption from Coffee cess.

(a) the refund of the Coffee cess levied where coffee is exported by land and subsequently imported into Cochin; and

(b) the export by land, without payment of the Coffee cess, of coffee which is subsequently to be imported into Cochin.

5. (a) The collection of the Coffee cess on Coffee produced in Cochin and taken by sea to any place beyond the limits of Cochin shall be made by such officers of customs as have been appointed by the Government under section 5 of the Cochin Sea Customs Regulation, XII of 1109, and shall be governed by the provisions contained in that Regulation.

Agency for collecting Coffee cess and the method of collection.

(b) The collection of the Coffee cess on coffee produced in Cochin and taken by land to any place beyond the limits of Cochin shall be made by such officers as may be nominated for the purpose by the Government who may prescribe rules to govern such collection and such rules when published in the Cochin Government Gazette will have the force of law as if they were part of this Regulation.

Clause 1 put and carried.

1. This Regulation may be called the Cochin Coffee Cess Regulation, of 1111.

Short title, extent and commencement.

(2) It shall extend to the whole of Cochin and shall come into force at once

Title and preamble put and carried.

The Cochin Coffee Cess Bill.

Whereas it is expedient to collaborate with the Government of India in providing for the creation of a fund to be expended by a committee constituted by the Government of India under the Indian Coffee Cess Act, 1935, for the promotion of the cultivation, manufacture and sale of Indian Coffee; it is hereby enacted as follows;—

Preamble.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I beg to move that under Standing Order No. 42 the bill may be taken up and finally passed on Wednesday.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I rise to introduce the Cochin Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill. It is rather a long Bill and an attempt to bring the Cochin law of Criminal

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